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Letter to Philander Chase

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Lucan Sq:

28th June 1827

My dear & venerated Friend

My last was dispatched only a few hours before the arrival of yours of the 23^d May, for which I heartily thank you. You have kindly attached my name to a more dignified subject than that to which it was originally attached. When I first heard of my American immortality, it was as giving name to a Brook. I feel either of the compliments quite undeserved, but do not wish to disguise my gratification in being enlisted with those, who

"sui memores alios fecere merendo."

I read your letter to Mr Hartwell Horne. He expressed

feelings which do him infinite credit, & I really
think he would have been in your service, had he
been a Bachelor, & a free Agent. He said he was
particularly glad to read what you said of Bishop
Brownell, ^(before he was a Bishop) as he ^{was} an assistant Minister to Bishop
Hobart, and the latter had contributed greatly to his being
raised to the Episcopate.

You will be amused not a little, if you meet
Mr Bawry, with his account of Dr Gaskins' sensibility
on hearing from him that you told him Dr Walter had
inhabited the Rectory. It was the Manor-House then
owned by a Mr John Hartopp, on whose death and that
of his Lady Dr Walter wrote his famous sermons called
Death & Heaven) in which the pious Presbyterian Minister
occupied ^{for 45 years} a study & bed-room, which to this day are
shewn as his, and in the latter of which he died.

I am very curious to know your estimate of a work
I sent you in the box from Holland's by Lewis Way, and
a sermon on the first Resurrection by Mr Hawtrej, one of the
Secretaries of the Society for converting the Jews. I did not ~~asp~~
to everything in it - I remember one of my doubts was on his
interpretation of "thy Kingdom come". But in the main I
approved it, and very much delighted in it. I think he truly
states the generally received view of the future state, and
confess it was my own, as derived from all the reputed
sources of Orthodoxy in this Country throughout my life. I was
led by a very uncommon impulse, derived from my visions
during my most frightful illness in 1825, to a study of
the Revelations, and so to that of the Millennium, and
the first Resurrection, which till then I had supposed
to mean only the regenerate state of the soul on earth.
I now think that the mere perusal, without note or comment,
of the 20⁸²¹¹ Chapter of Revelations is decisive that the Millenni-
um is a fixed period of one thousand years commencing with

the second advent of Christ - that a renovation of the earth will take place, & continue between the first resurrection of the Saints & the final resurrection of all mankind - that the Earth, which fell with Man into corruption, shall be restored with him - that the curse shall be entirely reversed, & the earth become the seat of future happiness, before the state of angelical & everlasting happiness takes place.

On the question of the importance of the doctrine, it is improper to doubt, if it be revealed. But it sets many passages, which had previously puzzled me, in a clear light. The event has shewn that the Prophecies concerning the suffering advent of Christ ought to be understood in a literal sense. And why should those, which respect his exaltation & glorious reign, be understood in a figurative one?

I do not know how it has happened, but Lord K. has of late had to pay the ship postage on your letters.

If you can correct this in future, I am sure you will do so. I have lately met a Brother of W^m Stow of Greenwich, Captain Hurdix, who has derived great affection for you, and Theo, from his Relatives, and declared to me that nothing but his Wife's bad health prevented him from setting out immediately towards you.

30th. Being unable to finish my letter, I have fallen very unexpectedly on a subject, which calls for a confidential communication to you, & gives me great pain. At the same time, I am cheered with a strong hope that all will blow over, seeing, as I clearly do, that a great disposition to excessive vituperation prevails among the Methodists. A Mr Mark Robinson, who has been a local Preacher among (what are called) the Church-Methodists, has printed & published some complaints against Mr West, for his conduct respecting a Meeting-house

at Hull, ascribing interested views, and fraudulent
conduct to him. It is also strongly surmised that he
lost the station of Preacher among the Irish Methodists
by immorality of conduct. I do not permit these things
to shake my mind respecting Mr West, till I know what
he says to the charges, but as you have received him very
favorably on account of the testimony Lord K. & myself
sent of his character, I think it right to give this confi-
dential caution without a moments' delay, except that
which a conference with Lord K. (who entirely concurs in
the necessity of our apprising you) has occasioned. Mr M.
R. (who has been in Town to solicit money) professes to know
much of Mr West, and has referred me to some respectable
people at Hull, and Beverley, ^{as} to his character. I intend
to write to one or more of these Gentlemen, and you shall
know the result. Mr R. is under some irritation of mind at
having lost his Preachership, and trade as a Draper, he

says, merely because he advocated a plan for restoring the
Methodists as a body to John Wesley's original system, under
which they were to continue as much Churchmen as ever &
is a very strange tale, and he, at present, is the only ac-
cuser of Mr West, who, on the other hand, appears to have
many friends in Ireland, where he has chiefly lived, of all
ranks, and had also most respectable credentials from
Canada. I have not yet seen the last Diocesan Journals.

Mr Wiggins lent them to Lord H., and
his family have taken them to Cowes,
in the Isle of Wight. I have written there for them.
I think the Engraving of the College is doing great good, and that
the Journal - Episcopal Watchman - will prove a most
desirable Vehicle of intelligence between the Mother and
Daughter Church. More than ^{Copies of all the numbers taken weekly} six, will come monthly to this
Country, thro' Miller the American Bookseller in Pall-Mall.
You will be glad to hear that I have been able to remit
£321 Sterling to Dr Gaddesden, as the profit of on the two
first Editions of Debon's Sermons. Another Edition is now on
sale, & I shall have a future sum to transmit.

I hope my dear Wife & Children will be able to meet
with a house at Lowes, where the Kenyons are already, &
the Parks are going. With our united most cordial love, and
constant prayers for the good of you and all yours, I am

G. M. Marriott
28 June
1827.

The Right Reverend Bishop of Exeter

Dear Sir

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ever, my dear & venerated Friend,
most devotedly & affectionately
G. M. Marriott.

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